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5 arrested in T assault

NEWTON. Five people were arrested yesterday following an alleged attack at a T stop in Newton Highlands.

According to the Newton police, an 18-year-old female was assaulted and robbed at the MBTA station while waiting on the platform.

Police said she was attacked from behind and thrown to the ground and her cellphone was stolen.

Five suspects were placed under arrest, including three males and two females. They all were charged with assault and battery and unarmed robbery, according to reports.

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No body found in fire debris

WORCESTER. Firefighter Jon Davies died when he went into a burning building last week to find a man who was reportedly inside.

However, authorities said yesterday that no body has been found in the burned debris.

Authorities did not release the name of the missing man, but said they are now looking for him as a potential witness.

Another firefighter, Brian Carroll, was also injured.

Davies' funeral is set for Thursday. **METRO/BOSTON.COM**

Advocacy group says T needs to improve services

► T says deficit won't keep them from making positive changes ► In settlement, accessibility advocates say MBTA still has shortcomings

Despite a court settlement requiring the T to improve handicapped accessibility, riders with disabilities are upset the MBTA is not making bus and train rides more accommodating.

"Some of the key categories are that there is nobody in the stations [to help] frequently, especially on the weekends," said Karen Schneiderman, an advocacy specialist at the Boston Center for Independent Living.

The group won a settlement in 2006 making the T responsible for accessibility improvements to facilities and services.

During an assessment update yesterday on the T's progress, Schneiderman, who is in a wheelchair, said she receives constant complaints from riders with disabilities about the lack of help from T employees.

"My patience is running really thin," said Don Summerfield, who suffers from hemiplegia.

Summerfield said since November he has experi-



► Paul Rockwell, who is not part of the group, takes the Green Line.

enced "egregious acts" against him, including buses not pulling close enough to the curb and driver's not helping people on and off vehicles.

"We need better access at the T," he said.

Chief Operating Officer Sean McCarthy said a "lack of communication" where employees haven't followed procedures has resulted in poor customer experiences.

"We are not at the level we need to be, and there is

The settlement

Judge Patrick King's role is to evaluate the MBTA's compliance with the 2006 settlement, as well as host public meetings every six months to provide updates.

"Although we are facing a significant deficit, we will not lag on completing updates for accessibility."

ACTING GM JON DAVIS

much work to be done," he said.

Acting MBTA General Manager Jon Davis said the T has made progress and is committed to striving forward.

"I know we aren't perfect," he said. "We will continue to work ... to make the system more accessible."

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Suspect nabbed in alleged indecent assault on Red Line

A man wanted in connection with an assault on the Red Line last month was arrested by police during the weekend and was arraigned yesterday.

Bradley J. Spencer, 36, was arrested Friday after being identified as the suspect on wanted posters distributed by Transit police.

According to Boston.com, Spencer is a

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Harvard grad student and fellow at the university.

The suspect allegedly indecently assaulted the victim by "intentionally poking her in the crotch with his finger" as she stood on the train. **STEVE ANNEAR**



► Spencer

News in brief

Occupier faces assault charge

BOSTON. A Pembroke man was released on his own recognizance yesterday after he was charged with assaulting a police officer during an Occupy Boston incident this month.

Devol Brown, 29, allegedly shoved a sink-laden dolly into two Boston police officers in Dewey Square on Dec. 1.

Occupiers tried to bring the sink into the camp, but police forbid the structure. **METRO**

Firm examines naming rights

BOSTON. For the next 90 days, a firm will research and evaluate the possibility of selling the naming rights to various T stations and stops, an MBTA spokesman said.

In July, the T sought a consultant to handle and study the potential revenue source. **METRO**

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Dewey Square repairs costly, but there's help

Now that Dewey Square is no longer home to a tent city full of protesters, Nancy Brennan wants people to enjoy a casual stroll through the park.

"It's getting to be winter time, but if it keeps warm we will bring tables and chairs out," said Brennan, executive director of the Rose F. Kennedy Greenway Conservancy.

Workers wasted no time after police cleared out the Occupy Boston campsite over the weekend before planting trees and laying down fresh dirt and sod.

Brennan estimated the cleanup cost would run the conservancy \$40,000 to \$60,000, a far shot from the \$15,000 they anticipated.

"The weather and habi-

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tation have added up to a different set of conditions entirely," she said.

During their first week of occupation, protesters vowed to help restore the land when they left. So far they have raised \$3,000 to go toward the refurbishment.

Brennan said Dewey Square should be back in action and open to the public by Thursday.



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► Crews resodded the area yesterday.

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News in brief



Wanted: Panty thieves

BURLINGTON. Police are searching for two women who allegedly stole approximately \$5,000 worth of cotton panties.

The women were shown on security camera loading the panties into shopping bags while at the Victoria's Secret inside the Burlington Mall.

Police said the incident occurred Dec. 9 and one of the women is wanted for multiple thefts from the store in the last year.

Anyone with information can call 781-505-4933. ● METRO

TSA worker pleads guilty to child porn

BOSTON. A former TSA worker at Logan Airport pleaded guilty in federal court yesterday to possessing child pornography.

Andrew Cheever, 34, of Lowell, will be sentenced in March. He faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Cheever made child pornography available on the Internet through peer-to-peer sharing software, according to the U.S. attorney's office in Massachusetts.

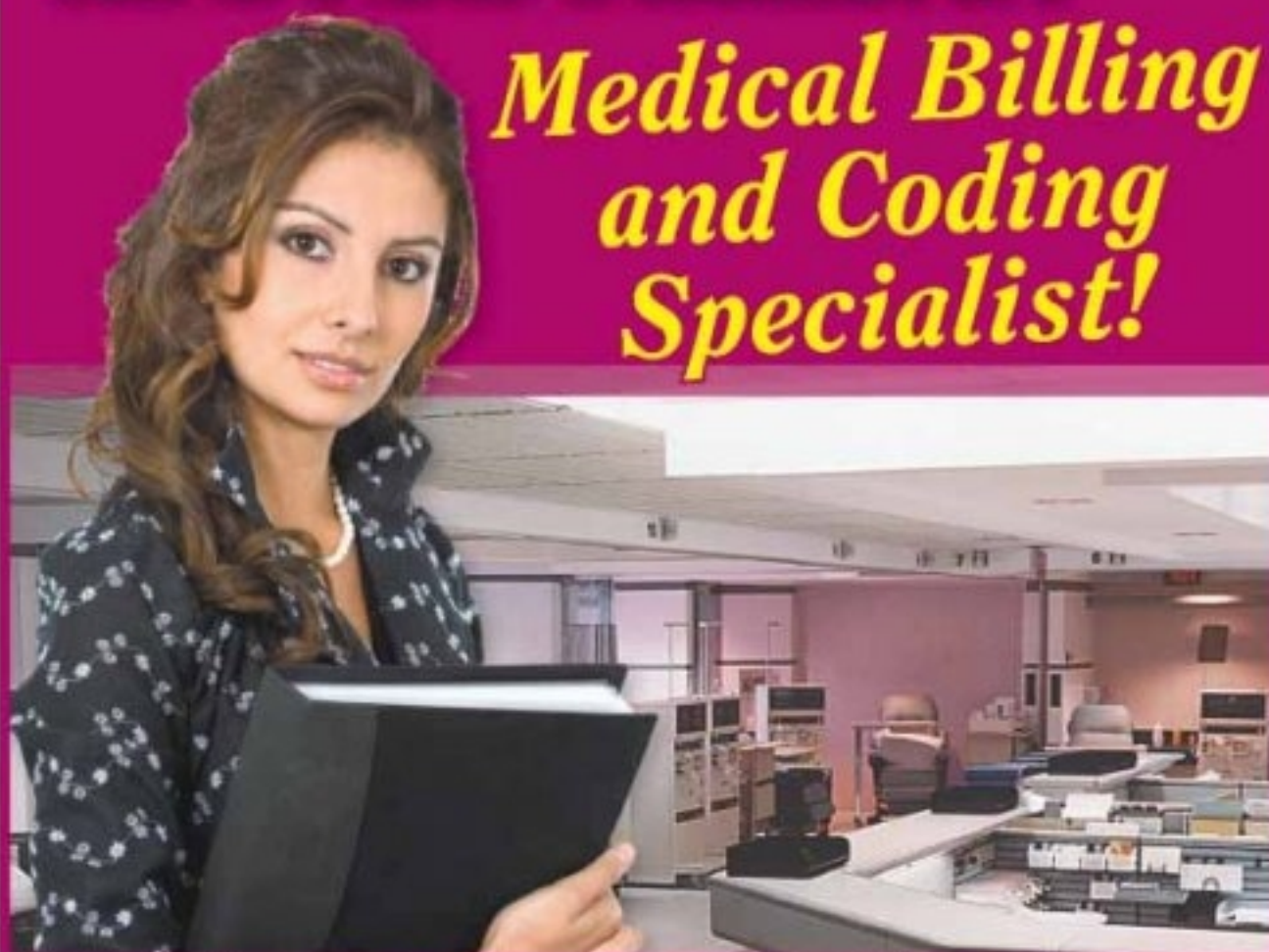
Agents found more than 10,000 images and videos on computers and other media in his home.

Cheever worked for the TSA as a security screener since 2007. ● METRO

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Anti-bullying event expected to attract thousands

► Event at Northeastern encourages students to stand up to bullying ► 4,000 will attend town hall forum

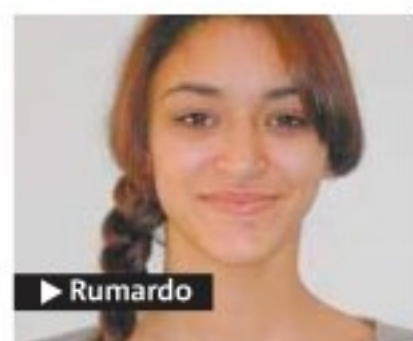
In what is being billed as the largest anti-bullying event in the nation, thousands of Bay State teens will gather today at Northeastern University to talk about preventing the sometimes deadly behavior.

About 4,000 students are expected to attend the event called STAND UP 2011. It was created to educate students on best practices for stopping bullying as well as empowering teens to promote positive social change.

The highlight of the event will be a town hall



► Prince



► Rumardo

forum, which will be facilitated by researchers at the Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center.

"For many years, we've all talked about bullying from an adult perspective and what we think [kids] should do," said Meghan McCoy, the program coordinator at the center. "Getting students to talk about it and how it impacts them and what they would want their friends do for them ... is really going to make an impact."

Bullying has become a nationwide issue especially

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Hub area home to anti-bullying movement:

- 1 In May 2010, Gov. Deval Patrick signed anti-bullying legislation that mandated reporting of bullying and updated anti-bullying curriculum.
- 2 Last month, Lady Gaga joined Harvard University's anti-bullying effort.

after South Hadley High School student Phoebe Prince committed suicide and nine classmates were charged with harassment.

Lynn English High School senior Magnelis Rumardo will receive an award today on behalf of her school's work to remove Facebook pages that harassed another student.

"The more people get involved and take it seriously, it won't be such a big issue," she said.



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Dozens of votes were cast for Steve Jobs and the Occupy movement on the first day of voting in Metro's Person of the Year event. We're moving away from Man and Woman of the year and now calling it Person of the Year, because groups were nominated as well as individuals. Jobs and Occupy are just about neck and neck, with Congresswoman Gabby Giffords trailing in third place.

To vote: Send your pick to mwoy@metro.us. The choices are Steve Jobs, the Occupy movement, or Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords.

Obama: US will stay loyal partner for Iraq



Troops make their way out as end-of-year pullout approaches

President Barack Obama yesterday pledged that Washington would remain a strong partner for Iraq as U.S. troops exit by year-end, and played down the risk this departure creates a power vacuum Iran can exploit.

The withdrawal of almost all U.S. troops from Iraq by Dec. 31 has created uncertainty at a time the region remains roiled by the Arab Spring, and amid fear Syrian instability could spread sectarian strife into neighboring Iraq.

But Obama told a press conference with Iraqi President Nuri al-Maliki Wash-

ington remains a strong Middle East presence.

"As we end this war and as Iraq faces its future, the Iraqi people must know that you will not stand alone. You have a strong and enduring partner in the United States of America."

Fulfilling a vow to Americans weary of the nearly 9-year-old war as he campaigns for re-election in 2012, Obama's order for the troops to leave came after a deal to keep thousands of U.S. trainers on the ground failed on the issue of immunity from prosecution in Iraq.

REUTERS

Dear Iran, we'd like our drone back

President Barack Obama yesterday said the U.S. government had requested the return of a spy drone downed over Iran but declined to discuss if its loss could compromise U.S. national security.

"We have asked for it back. We'll see how the Iranians respond," Obama said during a joint news conference with Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki after the two met at the White House. REUTERS

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THE WORD



Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip [@dorothyatmetro](#) dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Hulk Hogan is not a homosexual, OK?

Hulk Hogan, who filed a defamation suit against ex-wife **Linda Bollea**, says he's just trying to defend his reputation. "After the four-year crazy divorce I thought I'd heard everything I could hear in the courtroom," the former wrestling star tells *Us Weekly*. "Then all of a sudden she says I abused her, that I was violent. She told everybody that I was a homosexual." Hogan adds that his real problem with Bollea's accusations is that they aren't accurate. "If any of that was true, I would admit it, and, [if] I was a homosexual, I would embrace it," he says. "If you're going to say I'm something that I'm not to try to ruin my career and my livelihood, I



► Hulk Hogan. Not gay.

Quoted

"[If] I was a homosexual, I would embrace it."

HOGAN

have to answer her back."

Look, Linda. Just because at one point in his life, your ex-husband had a huge boa scarf collection and loved Spandex, tan skin, rippling muscles, ripping his shirt off at the drop of a hat and pinning sweaty men to the ground, does not mean he was in the closet while you were married. If it were someone else's husband, however, I'd be a tad worried.

A theft-filled weekend for Lohan

Lindsay Lohan had a drama-filled weekend, and not just because of her leaked *Playboy* spread. While partying in Hawaii, the troubled starlet reportedly had her purse stolen, according to TMZ. The \$5,000 Chanel handbag, which was snatched from a parked car, was said to contain \$10,000 in cash. The purse was later returned, minus the cash. Lohan was reportedly fretting another probation violation, as her passport and court documents allowing her to travel were also in the purse but were returned safely.

Which leads me to a very pressing, unrelated question: Do drug dealers accept traveler's checks?

The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

John Cleese is doing a lot of interviews, Russell Crowe is enjoying his workout, Sarah Silverman is deciphering animal thinking and Julie Benz wants some Christmas cheer.

► **@JohnCleese:** Nearly the end of another gruelling week of talking about myself. It's a good job that I'm so interesting...

► **@RussellCrowe:** 90 sweaty minutes in the gym. Some days you love it, some you hate it. Today was all love.

► **@SarahKSilverman:** My dog has to think the elevator's a time machine, right? There's no other possible explanation.

► **@JulieBenz:** whenever someone says "we're only giving gifts to the kids this holiday season" my inner child screams "NO! I want presents too!!"



Benz

Talking points

Kutcher's resolutions are set

Ashton Kutcher is looking to get a jump on his New Year's resolutions, and given the year he's had, it's not such a surprise. "I'm gonna do my resolution in December this year," he says in a Warner Bros. Studio interview. "I'm resolving for December so that when I come to January, and everybody else is having to go through the grind, I'm already ahead of it, I've already done it. It's like taking the PSATs. I'm just trying to stay ahead of the curve. There is a curve."

Federline's 'Excess Baggage'

Kevin Federline was hospitalized in Australia recently while filming "Excess Baggage," a weight-loss reality TV show, according to E! Online. "Our first shoot was in November in the Kimberley region in Outback Western Australia," a spokesman for the show says. "During the shoot, under advice from the show's medic, Kevin was taken to hospital as he was showing signs of heat

stress." The former backup dancer is said to be doing fine and already back for more filming in the area.

Jones is not fond of marriage

Rashida Jones won't be looking to tie the knot anytime soon, if her feelings about marriage are any indication. "I totally believe in romance and love and all that, but the actual institution of marriage — in this country, more than half the people get divorced. So, something's not working," she tells *People* magazine. "I'm not saying it doesn't work for everybody. I love going to weddings."



Rashida Jones

O'Donnell splurges on engagement ring

Rosie O'Donnell pulled out all the stops when she popped the question to fiancée Michelle Rounds recently. "I proposed with my head down, hand out and a huge lump in my throat," she tells *Us Weekly* of the big moment, during which she presented Rounds with a \$100,000 diamond and platinum ring. But even though it was love at first sight for O'Donnell, she did her best to play it cool. "I knew about a week after we met, but I did the smart thing and didn't propose right away," she says. "You know, I'm at the age where I just knew."

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Obama is a Belieber — and other topics

1. President Barack Obama and Justin Bieber shook hands onstage during the "Christmas in Washington 2011" show at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C., on Sunday.

2. Miley Cyrus attended the "CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute" at The Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, Calif., on Sunday.

3. Jamie Bell, who provided the voice for the titular character Tintin, attended the New York premiere of "The Adventures of Tintin" at the Ziegfeld Theatre in New York City on Sunday. The motion-capture 3-D film will be released on Dec. 21.

4. Hilary Swank attended the Broadway opening night of "On a Clear Day You Can See Forever" at the St. James Theatre in New York City on Sunday.

5. Taylor Swift looked nothing less than a princess as she received the prestigious Nashville Harmony Award in a Reem Acra ball gown at the annual Nashville Symphony Ball in Nashville, Tenn., on Saturday.

6. Helen Mirren hosted the Nobel Peace Prize concert at the Oslo Spektrum in Oslo, Norway, on Sunday.



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Diving back in

We wondered if reliving some of the traumatic experiences described in "Too Much to Dream" was a harrowing experience for Peter Bebergal, who has been sober for two decades, but he says it actually helped bring them into context.

"I learned two things: Compassion for my teenage self and an understanding that no life exists in a vacuum, that so much of our expecta-



tions and sense of self is shaped by powerful cultural influences ... The post-'60s generation [had] the same spiritual and political anxieties as the hippies had, but without a true counterculture movement to make sense of them."

When dreams become nightmares

► In new book, Peter Bebergal recalls his coming-of-age via psychedelics and the underground ► It's a trip with psychonauts, punks and freaks

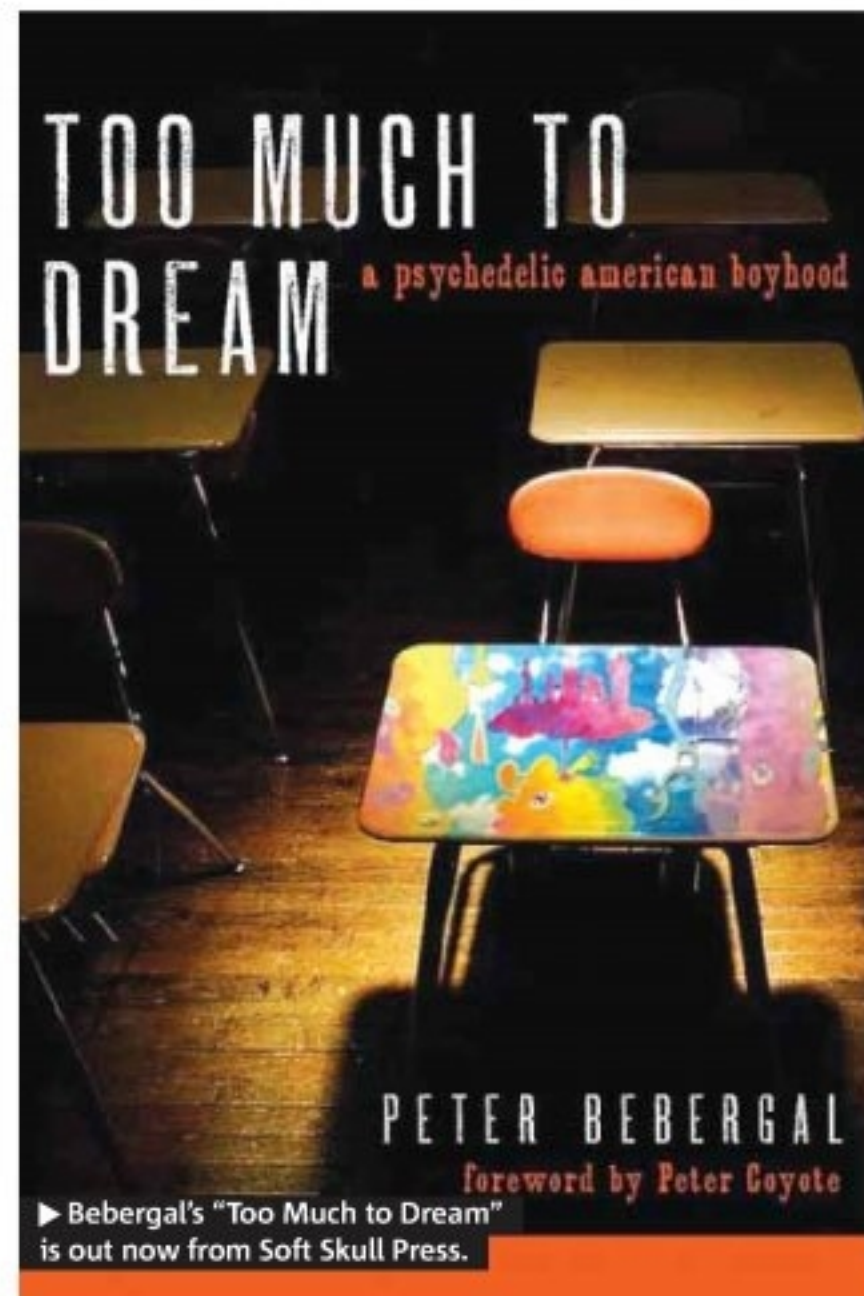
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"I had glimpsed the sun behind the moon in the middle of the night and its rays had filled me with hope," writes local author Peter Bebergal, describing his first experience with marijuana in his memoir, "Too Much to Dream: A Psychedelic American Boyhood." Like many a lonely, geeky suburban kid growing up in the '70s, Bebergal began his adolescence as a devotee of comic books, Tolkien and D&D, but he grew restless.

"It could no longer contain a deeper spiritual need I had," he says. "I wanted to experience real magic."

For the counterculture of his era, still awash in the wide-eyed but nervous afterglow of the '60s, that meant three things above all: Turning on, tuning in and dropping out.

From that initial experience with cannabis, Bebergal embarks upon a whirlwind coming-of-age journey, consorting with homeless acid-heads, occult-obsessed mall security guards, desperate hardcore punks and other fringe dwellers. He delves into underground comics, psychedelic rock, Western ceremonial magic and lots and lots of tripping. Along the way, Bebergal presents a primer on the psychedelic era, discussing in extended non-memoir passages the history of LSD, the I-Ching, the Silver Surfer, Pink Floyd and more, portraying



from myriad angles his generation's quest for, in his words, "something else, some abstract more — always undefined, but always there on the periphery and as unattainable as a horizon."

The young Bebergal would eventually lose his mind chasing after those unattainable horizons. Was it a waste of time? Bebergal

admits to his and his companions' errors, but he defends their essential motive: "We were all desperately seeking meaning and some sense of identity. Ultimately [drugs] didn't provide those in any lasting way, but for a time we felt truly and deeply alive."

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This little zombie wants brains

► 'Hey Little Zombie!' stars a picky eater with one thing on his mind ► James Olstein on his new book

Zombies have come a long way over the past couple of years, especially for zombies. But not once during their clumsy ascent to the pop-culture monster throne did they ever betray even a flicker of cuteness — until now.

The just-grotesque-enough brainchild of James Olstein, "Hey Little Zombie!" marks the undead darling's debut in the world of children's books. We hit up the Philly-based designer because, come on, who puts zombies in bedtime stories?

There are a lot of cool monsters out there. Why a zombie for your first book?

I was always super into monster stories growing up. One year on Thanksgiving, I remember some older cousins watching "Day of the Dead." And I wasn't allowed to watch it, but I did catch on that if you got bitten, you became a zombie. I thought, "Wow, what an easy way to be a monster." Anyone can be a zombie.

Your hungry little zombie has a strong personality. Where did he come from?

It really just started as a thing to see if I could do it.

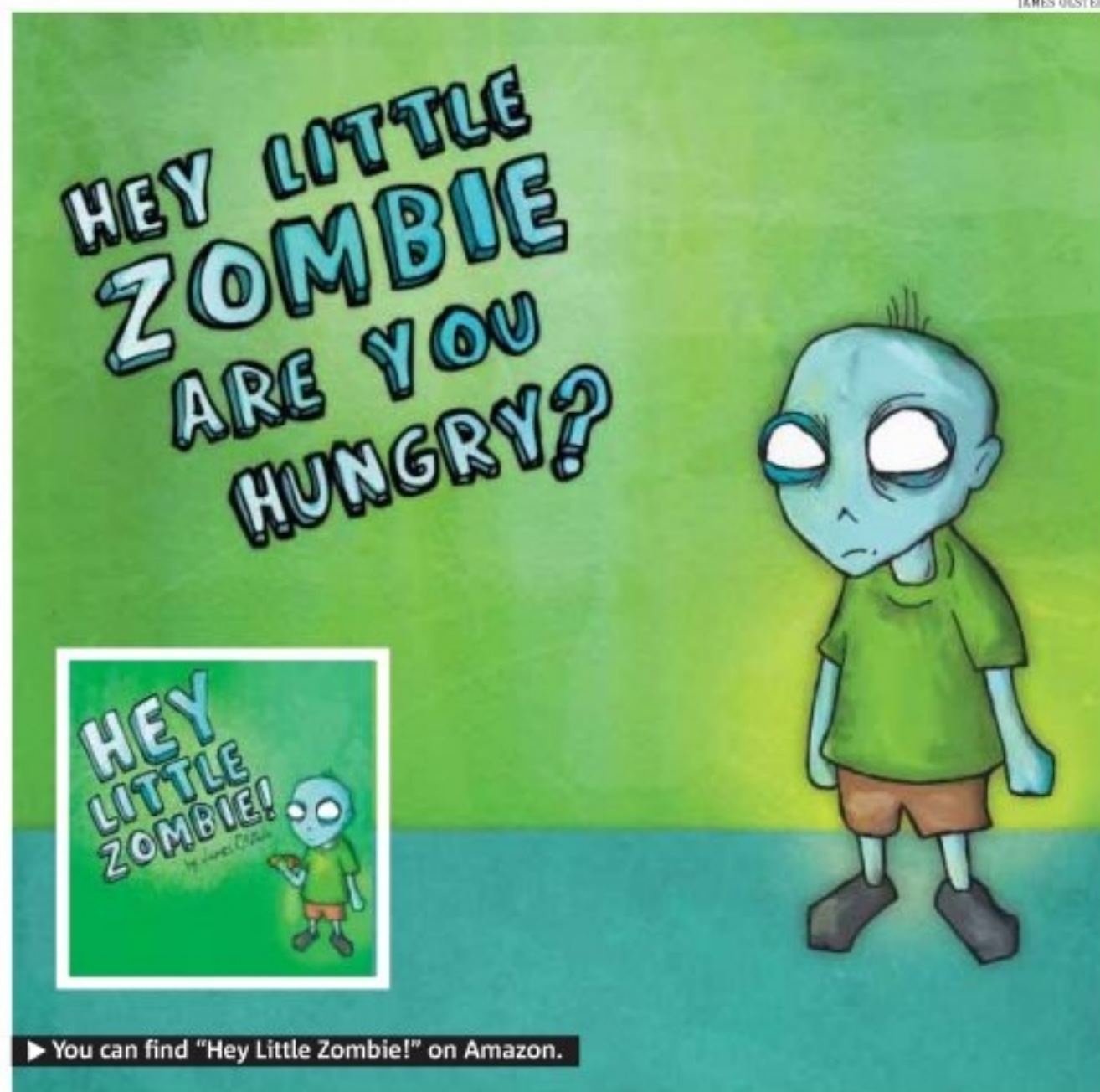
But as I started drawing this character, he kind of ended up having this persistent, grumpy personality. And so it's not so much a children's book about eating brains — it's a children's book about being grumpy.

Did you hold back anything for the kids?

I just wrote it for someone in their 20s or 30s. Kids, I don't know how else to say this, but they're great bulls— detectors if you try to talk down to them.



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► Hamilton, center, brings a certain charm to the role of George in "La Cage aux Folles."

You'll fall for 'La Cage aux Folles'

► Musical may not feel as edgy as it once did, but it certainly delights ► Hamilton and Sieber are top-notch

It's been nearly 30 years since "La Cage aux Folles" took the theater world by storm, winning its first of three Tony awards for best musical (revival Tonys followed in 2005 and 2010). And though it no longer feels like a dangerous sneak peek into a naughty nightclub, the big, frilly, feathered spectacle has held up.

The fun begins at the front door of the Shubert, where drag diva Lili White-ass flirts and fusses with patrons she later entertains in a riotous pre-show warm up.

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While the leggy Cagelles provide much of the glitz and glam, the real story focuses on club owner George (George Hamilton) and his long-time partner Albin

(Christopher Sieber). Clearly here for his marquee value, Hamilton, who is definitely not a singer, still brings a certain charm to the role. Sieber, on the other hand, more than makes up for any of the production's shortcomings with a stunning performance as Albin and his drag alter-ego Zaza. The Broadway vet delivers the show's greatest numbers ("A Little More Mascara," "I Am What I Am," "La Cage aux Folles") to thunderous and much-deserved applause.



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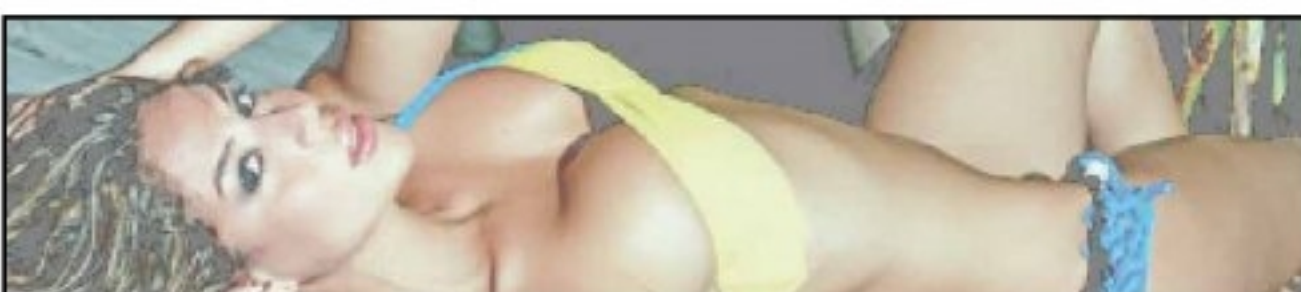


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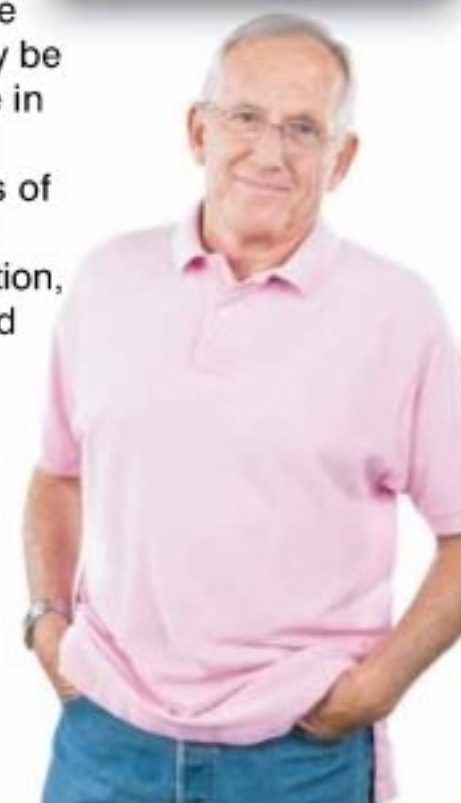
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► Vinci Touchscreen Mobile Learning Tablet, \$479

What: An "iPad" for babies. There's no evidence that any screen media is educa-

tional for babies. Plus, this toy is ridiculously pricey.

► I Am T-Pain Mic, \$39.99

What: An autotune microphone that transforms your child into a rapper. This introduces and reinforces kids' attachment to a performer whose songs are horribly misogynistic.

► Monopoly Coca-Cola 125th Anniversary Collector's Edition, \$39.99

What: A Coca-Cola branded Monopoly game. A very cynical use of a board game to sell Coca-Cola when childhood obesity is a major problem.

► Monster High Ghoul Spirit Fearleading Doll 3-Pack, \$42.99

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People of the year confusion?

RE: "MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR": Metro is asking readers to choose a person of the year between Steve Jobs, the Occupy protestors and Gabrielle Giffords. What, exactly, do people who are exceptionally bright have to do with people who stand up against the criminal abuse of capitalism have to do with people who advocate guns and then are victims of it? Nothing, absolutely nothing. But then again President Obama won the Nobel Peace Prize — so anything goes, as they say. SUZY SANDOR, VIA E-MAIL.

Celeb news is the new news

RE: "FROM LAUER TO SEACREST": I stopped watching the Today Show more than a year ago. Even though I know it's not real news, that show used to be more about news than Entertainment Tonight. Now it seems the Today Show is the morning version of celebrity TV shows. So since that's the move they're heading toward, why not get a Hollywooder like Ryan Seacrest. The Today Show is now 90 percent fluff and maybe 10 percent news. Ryan fits right in. CYNTHIA KING, VIA E-MAIL.

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sure don't want to, and I respect these religious days. Others should respect Christians and let us have our Christmas! JACQUIE HANNIGAN, VIA E-MAIL.

Listening is communication

RE: "WHAT GOOD COMMUNICATION REALLY MEANS": Monica Weymouth's piece hits the nail squarely. Communication is more than memos on bulletin boards. As I constantly remind my classes, communication is a two-way street — with listening a crucial segment. Much of my time as a PR professional was spent counseling senior management on this non-negotiable point. Fortunately, most listened. Those who didn't ... learned. KIRK HAZLETT, MILTON

Horoscope

♈ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. An ambitious objective isn't apt to be fulfilled, because it's likely that you'll only be willing to wish for what you want but not eager to work for it. ♊ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. If you hear about something that sounds wonderful but requires a large outlay of cash, don't jump in without first checking out its bona fides. Naivete could cost a bundle. ♋ Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. Someone on whom you're counting for help concluding a very complicated matter might let you down. You could be in trouble unless you have a backup plan ready, just in case. ♋ Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. A job you've been putting off for quite some time might become a thorn in your side. Don't waste any more time making excuses — get down to business as promptly as possible. ♈ Aries March 21-April 19. Wanting things and being able to afford them are two entirely different matters. Don't let your extravagant whims overwhelm your common sense. ♉ Taurus April 20-May 20. Some of your objectives aren't likely to be achieved, because it isn't likely that you'll get organized enough to do what it takes to realize your aims.

♊ Gemini May 21-June 20. Be very careful of what you voice about others, even those who may deserve being put in his or her place. Unfortunately, what you say and how you say it could make you look bad. ♋ Cancer June 21-July 22. If being friends with someone is predicated purely upon what they can do for you, the relationship is likely to fall flat. It might be wise to examine your reasons for this behavior. ♋ Leo July 23-Aug. 22. It wouldn't be smart to get into a finger-pointing contest with an associate at work, because there is no way it will make either of you smell nice. The bad odor could even affect your career. ♋ Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. It doesn't matter if it happens at work or in a social setting, arguing political intrigues is likely to cause you some problems. Don't be jockeyed into feeling you must participate. ♋ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. The change that you've been fervently awaiting might happen at last; but once it does, you could wonder why it was something you thought you wanted. ♋ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Before you lash out about some unflattering things being said about you, perhaps it might be wise to check it out first. What is told to you may have no basis in fact. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

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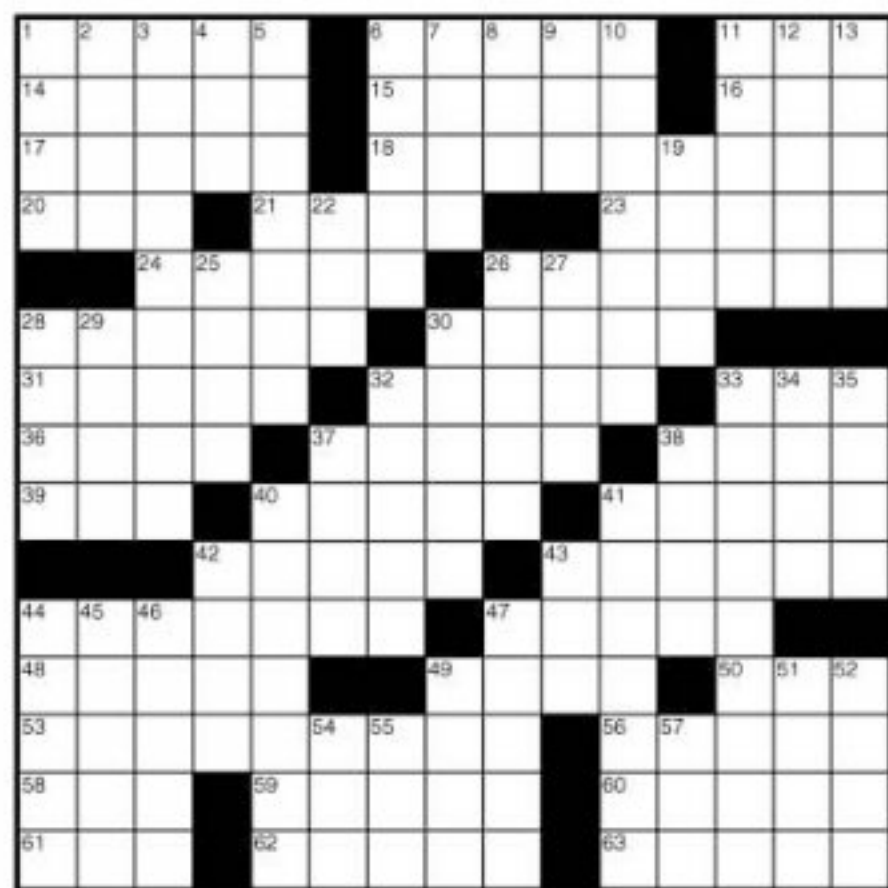
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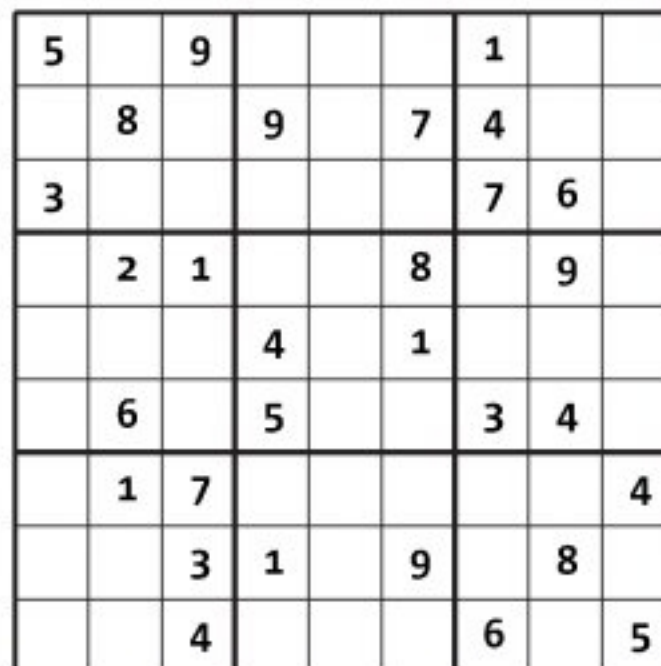
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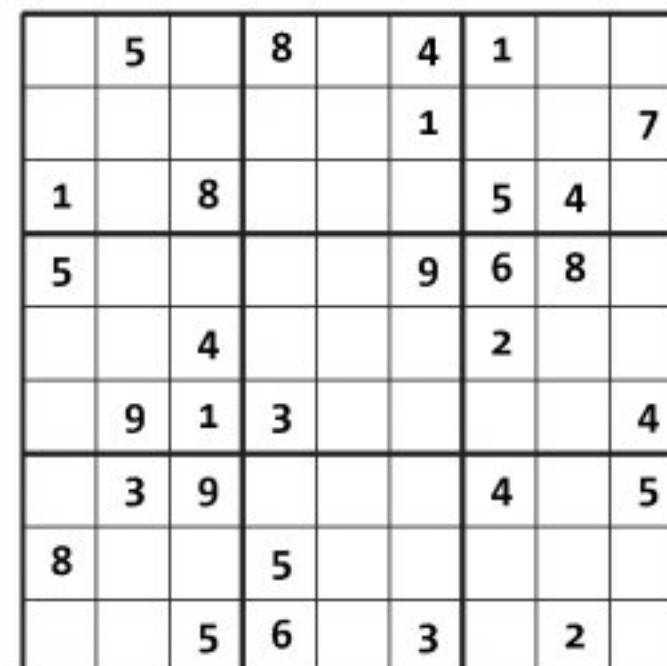


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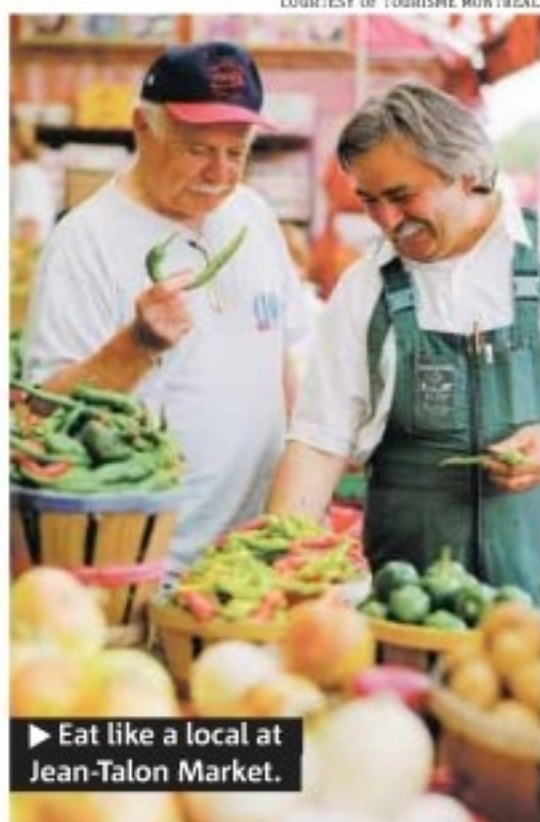
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For the explorer

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Situated on the mountain in the middle of Montreal island, Mt. Royal Park doesn't just provide exercise getting to the top — the scenic green space designed by Central Park mastermind Frederick Law Olmsted offers excellent views, too. In winter, explore the park via skis or snowshoes; in the warmer months, take to the bike paths. Gain access to any of the 5,000-plus cruisers in the BIXI bike-share system for citywide sightseeing for just \$5.

For the fashionista

Score a fabulous find from a local designer

Montreal is fiercely proud of its homegrown designers — and stepping into their boutiques, it's not hard to see why. For the conscientious snow bunny, **Harricana** (3000 rue Saint-Antoine Ouest, 514-287-6517) is a dream come true: Designer Mariouche Gagne upcycles out-

dated fur fashions into classically cool new pieces, like a knitted fur vest.

For more secondhand finds, pop into the "friperies" in the trendy Plateau District. We like **Folles Alliees** (365 Av. du Mont-Royal E., 514-843-4904) for its finely curated, mint-condition vintage pieces and **Retromania Boutique**

(820 Av. du Mont-Royal E., 514-596-2618) for its well-organized, affordable finds that could have come from your hip sister's closet.

For the culturephile

Eat your way through the city like a local

You could spend hours in Montreal's markets, sampling the local food and mingling with the people who grow and purchase it. Little Italy's **Jean-Talon Market** (7070 Henri-Julien St., 514-937-7754) is a year-round emporium of all things fresh and a true feast for all of the senses.

But save some room for the bagels, too. Montreal-style bagels are smaller, sweeter and denser than the New York variety. They're always baked in a wood-fire oven — right in front of you at **St-Viateur Bagel & Cafe** (multiple locations, www.stviateurbagel.com) — which makes it worth a stop for breakfast or lunch.

New this winter: Snow Village

Montreal is home to North America's very first Snow Village, opening Jan. 6 in Jean-Drapeau Park. A city made entirely of ice and snow, this celebration of winter includes an ice hotel, restaurant, bar and chapel for some very white weddings (www.snowvillagecanada.com).

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Pats try to avoid the mass appeal of Tebowmania

► Belichick, players praise entire Broncos team ► Watched comeback win on Sunday's plane ride ► Expect hype to be at all-time high this weekend

Reset your clocks, Patriots fans.

No, it's not daylight savings time again. This is way bigger.

It's Tebow Time!

The Patriots and Broncos will face off Sunday afternoon in Denver, in what will undoubtedly be the most-watched game of the regular season.

But don't look for Bill Belichick and his team to

On TV Sunday

Patriots at Broncos,
4:15 p.m. (CBS)

show up wearing Devil horns. They know that while Tebow has obviously had success as a starter — he's 7-1 since taking over — he's had a lot of help.

"It's their team," Pats linebacker Dane Fletcher said. "Everybody tries to

make it this whole 'Tebow Time'. It's their team. Their defense stepped up and their kicker had a couple good kicks [in Sunday's win]. So I'm not blowing it out of perspective and saying it's one guy, because it's not."

BenJarvus Green-Ellis watched some of Denver's latest comeback victory on the plane home from D.C. He saw what Fletcher saw: a team that can cause problems.

"The defense played well, and they're 8-5 and a good team," Green-Ellis said. "So we have our hands full this week. [There's] 52 other guys on the team, so I just look at it as a team."

Yes, the other 52 players make a difference, but Belichick knows that the offense goes through Tebow — through the air and on the ground.

"Tim is a strong runner and good athlete," Belichick said. "He can hurt you out of the pocket. We've faced other quarterbacks like that. I would say the big thing is just the whole offense."

"They run the ball and they have different types of running plays, running attack, and they have a lot of good receivers. ... So there's a lot of challenges there."

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Brady praises Tebow

Count Tom Brady among those mesmerized by Tebowmania.

The Patriots QB said he and teammates were glued to the TV as Tebow rallied the Broncos to victory Sunday night.

"All of us were watching the game on the airplane, just as we were taking off was when they came back and won the game," Brady told WEEI radio.

Brady added that he didn't agree with Tebow's critics, who say he struggles with his accuracy and throwing the football to certain spots.

"He threw the ball extremely well when I was watching," Brady told WEEI.

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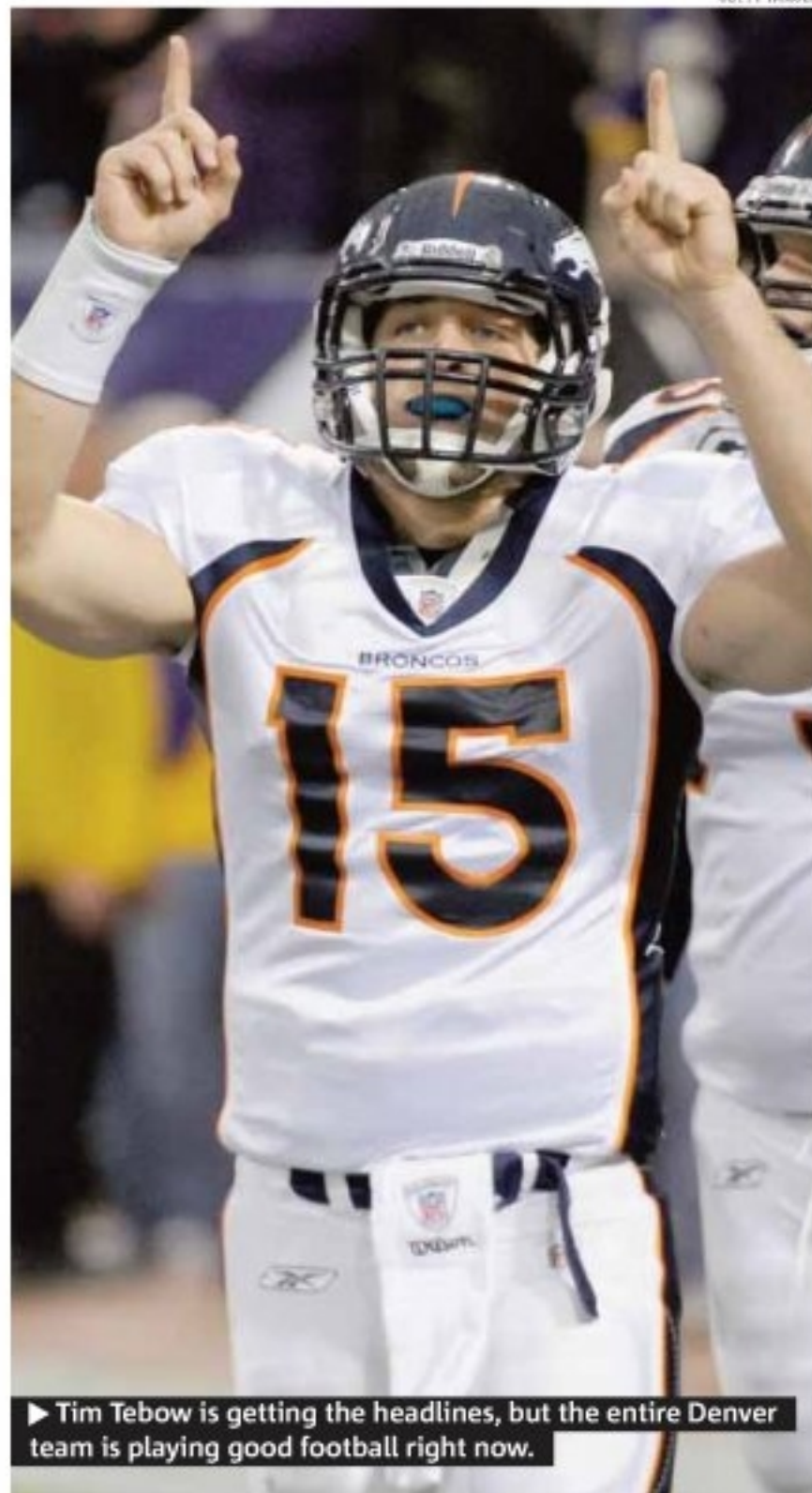
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Celtics turning up the Bass



► Bass will play a crucial role this season, backing up Kevin Garnett in a compressed schedule.

► Boston makes 'Big Baby' trade official ► Bring in Bass to fill similar role ► Sign both of their draft picks

The Celtics made official what had been rumored all weekend, completing a sign-and-trade of Glen Davis in return for Brandon Bass from the Magic yesterday.

The Celtics also included shooting guard Von Wafer in the deal.

Davis has been a fan favorite since joining Boston in 2007. Seattle drafted the 6-foot-9 power forward and traded him to Boston in the Ray Allen deal that same night.

Davis had played an integral role for the Celtics both off the bench and filling in for an injured Kevin Garnett in spells. Last season was his best for Boston. He had career highs in points (11.7), rebounds (5.5) and minutes (29.5) per

game.

Bass, who also played at LSU, will fill a similar role to Davis. Bass started 59 games for Orlando last year and put up comparable numbers — 11.2 points and 5.6 rebounds per game.

The Celtics also announced the signings of first-round draft pick Jajaun Johnson out of Purdue and his college teammate, second-round pick E'Twaun Moore.

Johnson was the Big Ten Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year last season, while both he and Moore made the conference first team.

They also signed veterans Sasha Pavlovic, Jamal Sampson, Mike Sweetney and Gilbert Brown.

Paul, Clippers trade on hold

David Stern seems committed to keeping Chris Paul in New Orleans this season.

The reported deal between the Clippers and Hornets is apparently off — at least for now.

Los Angeles felt the asking price was too high for Paul. The NBA, who owns the Hornets, wanted Eric Gordon, Chris Kaman, Eric Bledsoe and a draft pick. **● METRO/MO**



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NFL firing day comes early

Usually NFL teams wait until the Monday after Week 17 to fire a head coach. Not this year.

The Dolphins and Chiefs got a head start on the process by firing Tony Sparano and Todd Haley, respectively.

Both teams lost ugly games this Sunday.

Sparano and the Dolphins were handled, 26-10, by the Eagles. The team

had won four of five games after starting 0-7.

After last season, the Dolphins publicly pursued Stanford coach Jim Harbaugh, only to sign Sparano to an extension once it became clear Harbaugh was going to become the next head coach of the 49ers.

Miami was 29-32 under Sparano and made the playoffs in only his first



► Sparano

season.

Haley was fired coming off possibly his team's worst performance of a season that's been filled with them.

They lost to the Jets 37-10, and it wasn't that close. Haley was 19-27 with the Chiefs. Rumors are already circling that they are interested in Iowa football coach Kirk Ferentz.

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